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Angel's Rest  
Near Massey  
4th quarter 18th Century

Angel's rest takes its name from a late 17th century 700 acre tract surveyed for Richard Angel. Together with another tract called Angel's Lott surveyed in 1684, the two totaled 1200 acres. After Angel's death, the properties, however, escheated to the Proprietor and were divided into smaller farms held in the 18th century by members of the Massey, McGinnis, Wilson and Wilmer families. Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, the number of Massey kin in the immediate vicinity of the village makes it difficult to pinpoint which one was actually responsible for the construction of the house which once stood on this site.

In the 19th century the house and farm belonged to various members of the Benjamin Massey family. In the Tax Assessment of 1822, Benjamin and his son Ebenezer were listed as owners of Angel's Rest and Angel's Lott, along with Casparus McGinnis and Joshua Massey.

The house which survived into the 1960's was a two-story, three-bay, brick structure with relatively low-pitched 'A' roof. It was built over a full basement and had a hall-parlor plan with winder stair in the southwest corner. During its demolition, one of its mantels which possessed a cushion frieze and crosstetted trim was removed to Chestertown. When the trim was removed from around the doors, it was found to be mortised and tenoned together like a fine piece of furniture. The kitchen wing was one story when first built. It was later raised to two full stories, as can be seen from the old snapshot.

By the time Ebenezer Massey died in 1853, he was in possession of the farm and he had bequeathed it to his son, CHB Massey, referring to it as "the Brick House Farm."<sup>1</sup> Upon the death of CHB Massey in 1891, the same farm was left to his son, CHB Massey, Jr.<sup>2</sup>

Charles H. B. Massey, Jr. died in 1904, a single man and left the farm to his brother, E. Thomas Massey.<sup>3</sup> In 1936, E. T. Massey willed all of his real estate to his wife and son.<sup>4</sup> They joined in a deed the following year and sold Angel's Rest Farm to Charles and Marie Hadaway.<sup>5</sup> Since that time there have been six owners. In the 1960's, lots were sold off along the road and the old house torn down and replaced with a new residence.

1. Wills, Lib. JFB 1, fol. 372.
2. Wills, Lib. TRS 1, fol. 109.
3. Wills, Lib. CHS 1, fol. 151.
4. Wills, Lib. FWS 1, fol. 346.
5. Land Records, Lib. RAS, fol. 495.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. K-162

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Angel's Rest

and/or common Angels Rest

## 2. Location

street & number 12518 Massey Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Massey ☐ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Kent

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert B. & Kathleen D. Osborn

street & number 12518 Massey Road telephone no.: 410-928-3753

city, town Massey state and zip code MD 21650

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber EHP 55

street & number Cross Street folio 685

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Kent County Windshield Survey

date 1968 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☒ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Angel's Rest Farm house stood on the first farm north of Massey, on the west side of the road. Two granite fence posts mark the former entrance, in front of a house built in 1966-67. A few large trees are another indication that this was an old farmstead.

The house which stood on the farm was a three bay long two story brick building with two bay frame addition on the west. Its south facade was the main entrance and was laid in Flemish bond. The door was located in the center bay and the two flanking windows had original wide frames with pintels and a deep rabbet for shutters. The second story frames had neither and the blinds which it possessed were 19th Century. The north facade was originally like the front, but the door was removed and the opening bricked up in the 19th Century. There was a cellar under the whole brick section.

Inside, the plan consisted of two rooms, hall-parlor, with the stair enclosed in the southwest corner. Access to the kitchen was under the stair, adjacent the fireplace. There was a well-executed mantel with crossetted trim, a cushion frieze and a well-molded shelf, similar to the proportions on the mantels at Hebron (1770's). It was removed and is now in a house in Chestertown.

The second floor plan had a corridor on the south with two small rooms opening to the north and a third room on the east. The latter was the largest of the three. The two end rooms had small fireplaces. When the door trim was being removed, it was found to have been mortised and tenoned together like a fine piece of furniture.

There was an un-finished attic accessible by a stair in the southwest corner. There was sufficient headroom to stand in the center of the space, but otherwise, the roof had a shallow pitch. Small casements lite the space. All of the floors, including the attic, were of yellow pine.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1780 - 1790 **Builder/Architect** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Angel's Rest takes its name from a late 17th century 700 acre tract surveyed by Richard Angel. He had another tract called Angel's Lott surveyed in 1684 the two together totaling 1200 acres. They however escheated to the Proprietor after Angel's death and were divided into many smaller farms held in the 18th Century by members of the Massey, McGinnis, Boyer, Wilson and Wilmer families. Because of the vast number of Massey kin in the vicinity of the present village of Massey in the 18th and 19th Centuries, it has been difficult to assign an actual builder to the house which stood on this site.

Throughout the 19th century the house and farm belonged to various members of the Benjamin Massey family. In the 1822 Tax Assessment parts of Angels Rest and Lott were owned by Benjamin Massey and his son, Ebenezer Massey.

By the time Ebenezer T. Massey died in 1853 he was in possession of the farm and he bequeathed it to his son, CHB Massey, referring to it as "the Brick House Farm". The same farm is also referred to as the bachelor farm of CHB Massey by Susan Brooks, his daughter, who wrote her memoirs in the 20th Century. Mrs. Brooks also mentions that after he married, the couple lived at the "Kitty Knight" house for a few years before moving back on the farm where the last three children were born, including herself. After the death of CHB Massey in 1891, the same farm was left to his son, CHB Massey, Jr., who ran the farm for the rest of his short life (d. 1904).

The farm then passed to his brother E. Thomas Massey who bequeathed it to his son. E.T. Massey, Jr. and his mother sold the Angels Rest in 1937 to Charles and Marie Hadaway, the first time out of the family. Since that time there have been six owners. In 1966 the old house was demolished and replaced by a new residence.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Kent County Land Records & Wills

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Michael Bourne

organization Historical Society of Kent Co., Inc. date February 1995

street & number P.O. Box 663 telephone 410-778-3499

city or town Chestertown state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Massey</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Rt. 299, .5 miles north of town</u> (west) ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE <u>destroyed</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>two</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-162</u>	
		2. NAME <u>Angel's Rest</u> <u>SITE</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>c. 1760</u> STYLE <u>colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>no</u> <p>Angel's Rest was demolished during the summer of 1965 by Richard Merritt, Warwick, Md. It was a brick house, two storys tall and painted yellow. It was three bays long and had an "A" roof of a low pitch, making enough room to stand in the attic. Some of the original <sup>window</sup> frames remained on both storys. Apparently there had been shutters on the first story and none on the second (until a later date), evidenced by the inset area for shutters on the frames <del>of</del> and the iron shutter dogs only on the first story. This floor plan was only two rooms down stairs with an enclosed stair in the southwest corner of the west room. The room contained the mantel now in the living room of Sterling Castle, <sup>(K-72)</sup> Chestertown. The second floor had a hall and three rooms. The <sup>yellow pine</sup> flooring from the second floor and attic was sold to Mr. David Stockwell, Wilmington, Del. Some chair rail is in possession of the recorder.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <u>gone</u> Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
7. PHOTOGRAPH			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u>  DATE OF RECORD <u>Jan. 1969</u>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Name Angel's Rest (Site) MHT# K-162Location Kent COUNTY Massey townRt. 290 - 1/4 mile N. of Massey  
address or road#

First owner of record \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Present owner \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel or Deed # \_\_\_\_\_

Original use dwellingsPresent use demolished

Md. Map Coordinates \_\_\_\_\_

Long. &amp; Lat. reading \_\_\_\_\_

Style ColonialDate(s) of construction brick 18th Century btw 1760-1780

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIPTION:

2  
NUMBER of stories Brick  
type wall constructionFoundation-basement brickArches beneath the fireplaceWall construction- brick laid - Flemish bond - very large  
size - painted yellow

Water table, string course, other decorative work essential to walls

Chimneys in each gable



Name \_\_\_\_\_

MHT# K-162Entrance type & placement center - w/ transomWindows 3 bays long + 1 bay deepShutters — originally had shutters on 1st story + now on 2ndRoof type A coveringCornice, eaves wood - large crown moldingsDormers, cupolas —Porches —Wings, hyphens late wing —

Interior:

Stairway enclosed —

Doors \_\_\_\_\_

Trim \_\_\_\_\_

Other notable work Mantel is L.R. of Starling Castle, Chestertown.  
flooring sold to Mr. David Stockwell by MOB

Name Angel's RestMHT# K-162Physical condition                     Environment                     

## References:

MHT Color slide #                     MHT B & W #                     Owner contacted                     OTHER:                     Recorder Michael BourneDate Aug 1968

Summary: Angel's Rest was demolished ~~A~~ during the summer of 1966 by Richard Merritt, Worwick, Md. It was a brick house, 2 stories tall and painted yellow. It was 3 bays long and had an "A" roof of a low pitch, making not enough attic space to stand. Some of the original frames remained on both floors - Apparently there had been shutters on the 1st story & none on the 2nd (until a later date) ~~it~~ widened by the inset area for shutters on the frames and iron shutter dogs only on the 1st floor. The floor plan was only 2 rooms down stairs with an enclosed stair in the S.W. corner of the west room. The room contained the mantle over in the Living Room of St. John's Catholic Church. The ~~2nd~~ 2nd floor had a hall and 3 rooms. The flooring from the 2nd floor & attic was sold to Mr David Stockwell, Wilmington, ~~Del~~ Delaware.

Enclosures: e.g. Map, Historical significance, sketch of floor plan, and angle of photos, etc.

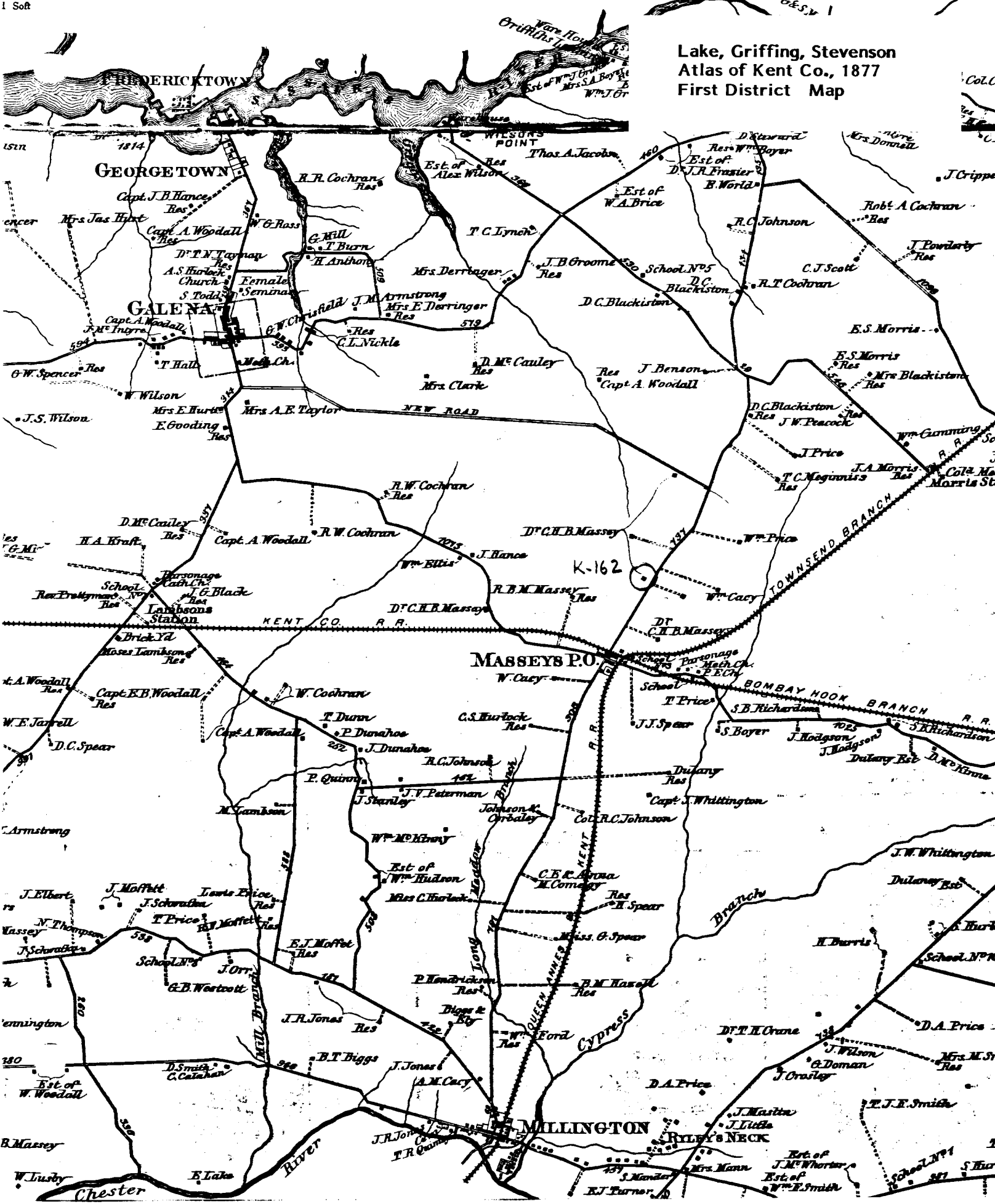
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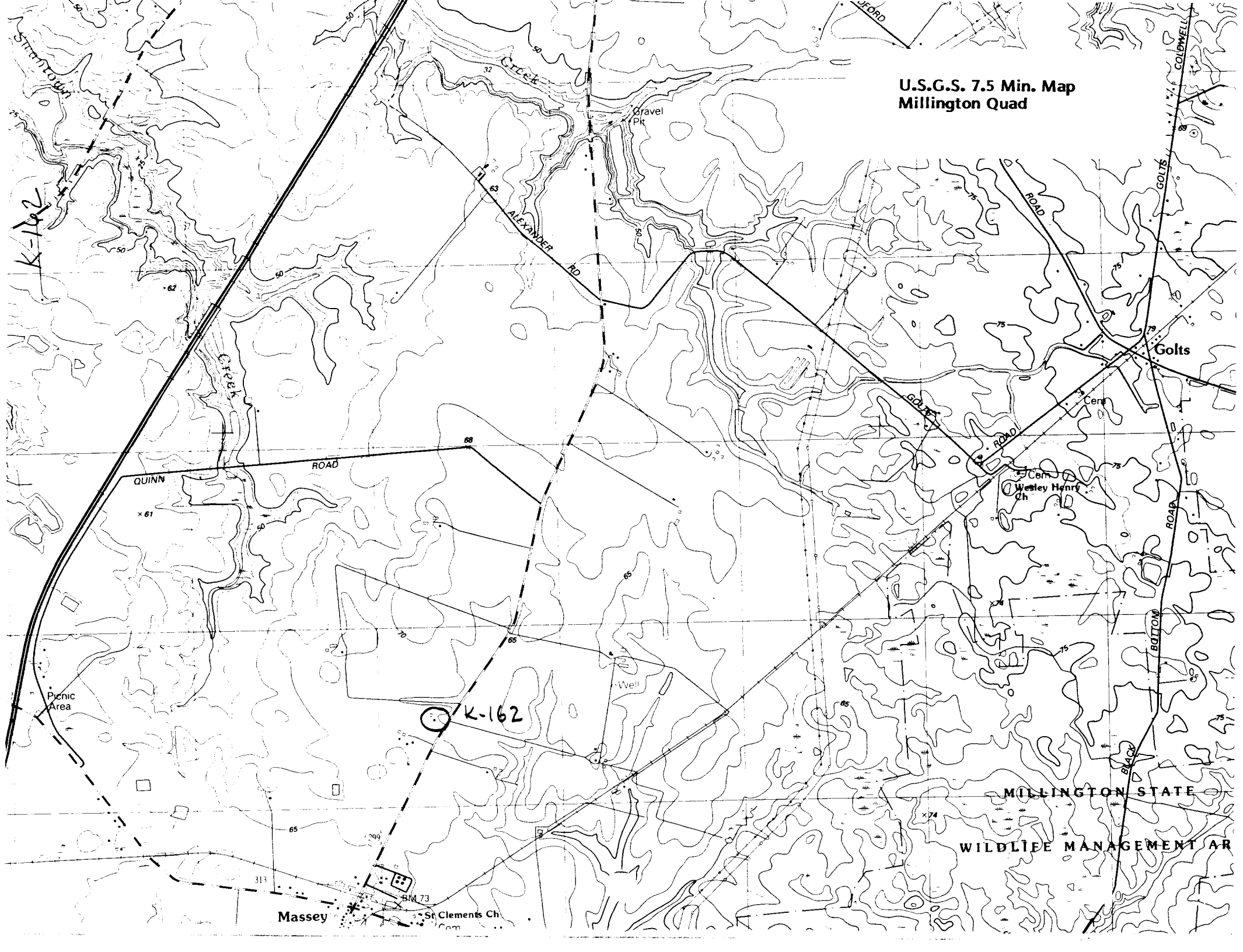
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Lake, Griffing, Stevenson  
Atlas of Kent Co., 1877  
First District Map



U.S.G.S. 7.5 Min. Map  
Millington Quad





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Angel's Rest

Michael Bournie (slide)

1966

S.W.